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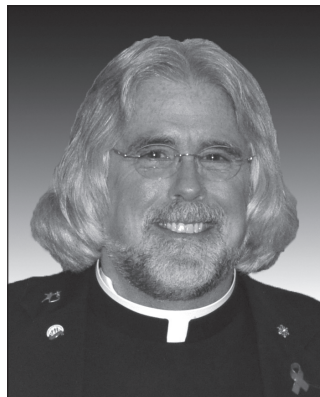
HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES
....because all life is sacred.

New Horizons

A MINISTRY SUPPORTED BY THE MONTFORT MISSIONARIES

Celebration of Hope
AT CHRISTMAS & THE HOLIDAY SEASON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

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Fr. Francis Pizzarelli
SMM, LCSW-R, ACSW, DCSW
Founder-Executive Director/CEO

Dear Friends and Benefactors,
April 22, 2020 marked the 40th anniversary of Hope House Ministries. This 40th year we had so many plans to celebrate God's countless blessings to this ministry for four decades. However many of those celebrations have been muted due to the pandemic. We did not have our anniversary celebration Mass. We had to cancel, postpone or modify our fundraising activities

planned from January 2020 through January 2021. Like many not-for-profit agencies serving people in need, our resources have been substantially arrested.

For the first time in our 40 years of ministry, I've had to step back and seriously think about our future and how we can continue to serve the needs of the poor and wounded among us. I profoundly trust in Providence. I am confident if God wants us to continue that we will find our way. I am also profoundly aware that so many of you who support us year in and year out are struggling to manage but you still contribute. I am forever grateful for the sacrifices you make so that we might help others in need.

Even though these have been very difficult days, I continue to see countless miracles of hope and transformation. I continue to witness firsthand so many of the men that live at Hope Academy reclaim their lives and become productive members of our larger community. I have seen fractured families healed, broken marriages made whole, and men who felt they had no purpose discover a life that is meaningful and life-giving.

Recently I heard a graduate share his story. In the midst of all this craziness, it just renewed my hope. He talked about coming here as an alternative to jail and not really wanting to be here. He acknowledged how he really hurt the loving family that gave him life and how when he first arrived had

no hope. He completed the program. After graduation, because of his successfulness and transformation, he was offered a job with us. As part of this story, he talked about the healing in his family and how much it meant to be a son again and a big brother to his sisters. And, how touched he was to dance with his sister at her wedding and recently being asked to be the godfather of her daughter. He said his gratitude was beyond words. He never thought he would regain what he lost and spends every day attempting to give back and show gratitude.

This man is who he is today because of the many hands and hearts that bless our ministry every day and have for 40 years. These are difficult times for all of us, but I am cautiously optimistic that we will manage and hopefully become stronger and more attentive to the needs of others.

Thanksgiving is a time not only to be grateful but to show gratitude. I am profoundly grateful to all of you who have walked this journey with me for 40 years. I am grateful to Charlie Russo, our Chairman of the Board, who has been a companion on this journey for 40 years. I'm grateful to all of our Executive Board members, Advisory Board members, and the thousands of people who sacrifice some of their treasure every day so that others might reclaim their lives.

As we all prepare for the holiday season, let us remember the reason for the season. It is a time for renewed hope, a time for love and compassion, and for building bridges and not walls. It is the time for social justice and peace and treating all of God's people with dignity and respect.

Thanksgiving and Christmas blessings! Be assured that all of you are in my prayers every day and that I am forever grateful for all that you've contributed to this ministry of healing, hope and human transformation.

Forever grateful,

Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM, LCSW-R, ACSW, DCSW
Executive Director-Founder/CEO
Hope House Ministries



Celebration of Hope

**AT CHRISTMAS &
THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Online Virtual Gala & Online Auction

Just a reminder that as our Celebration is fast approaching, we would like to invite you to take part in our event this year by:

- Donating auction prizes for the Online Auction (new items)
- Donating large baskets for presentation of the auction prizes
- Participating in our Online Auction
- Purchasing event tickets for our Online Virtual Gala
- Purchasing car and/or 50/50 raffle tickets

If you would like information on any of the above, please contact the Development Department at (631) 473-8796.

**Thank you for your
support of our
largest annual event!**

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

***We are so very grateful to the
Breakfast Club members, golfers,
sponsors and volunteers
who responded so generously!***

The 23rd Annual **Breakfast Club** **Raises \$233,000!**



As so many are familiar with by now, the Covid-19 virus had a major impact on fundraising events throughout the world. Hope House Ministries' 23rd Annual Breakfast Club and 29th Annual Charles R. Rampone Sr. Memorial Golf Classic were no exception.

The Breakfast Club forwent their traditional in person breakfast, which was to be held at Oheka Castle, instead choosing to "gather in Spirit" with one another. On August 1st, supporters were invited to join in "Spirit" for breakfast around the table with their family, in the intimacy of their own home or wherever they were, remembering the lives restored, and the call to stand up for the many more just waiting. The dedicated benefactors rallied to raise \$233,000!



29th Annual **CHARLES R. RAMPONE SR. MEMORIAL** **Golf Classic** **Port Jefferson Country Club**



With a history of selling out quickly with 160 golfers, the Golf Classic was cancelled as an in-person event. Instead, a mail appeal went out to past golfers, sponsors and volunteers expressing the importance of this annual fundraiser, and requesting their continued support to allow Hope House Ministries to forge ahead with helping those in crisis. HHM received a hearty response totalling \$80,500!

In Loving Memory of Our Hometown Hero Christopher Pendergast

"On the morning of October 14, a local hero went home to his God after a courageous life living with ALS, having spent his life working for a cure and supporting others who have been burdened with this incurable disease.

Dr. Christopher Pendergast, a retired Northport School District science teacher from Miller Place had lived with ALS for more than 28 years -- a real light in the darkness. He had been a tireless advocate for research regarding finding a cure. His public advocacy is legendary.

However, what people did not know was the thousands of people across three decades that Chris touched with his selfless compassion, love and empathy. If he knew you were diagnosed with ALS, he and his wife Christine would quietly reach out to offer support.

In 1997 Chris founded the Ride for Life which touched thousands of students and people all over Long Island. He was a prolific writer and a powerful and moving public speaker.

On the Sunday before he died, Chris came with his wife Christine to the 12 noon Mass at St. Louis de Montfort Church in Sound Beach. That was his Mass – he went every Sunday until very recently. He and his wife were catechists who prepared young people from the parish for confirmation.

At the amen, they gave him a standing ovation as a way of saying thank you. On Wednesday, October 14, he peacefully went home to God. The world is a brighter and better place because Chris Pendergast walked among us!" (Excerpt by Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM – originally published in The Port Times Record October 22, 2020 page B3.)

Chris was also a long-time supporter of Hope House Ministries. We are eternally grateful for his dedicated kindness and generosity. May God rest his soul.



Come Join Us!

Hope Connects are inspirational quarterly online events hosted by Hope House Ministries. These brief gatherings are part of our efforts to engage the community in meaningful ways in order to strengthen our network of support. If you know of someone not familiar with Hope House Ministries, please ask if they would consider joining us for a Hope Connects online event. Reservations are limited. Please visit www.hhm.org and under Giving Options choose Hope Connects to register.

Siena House

My name is Robin and I lived at Siena House for 19 months. Siena house is very comfortable and also has a very welcoming and homey atmosphere. The Director is an angel sent by God. She always had an open door policy and would always be available for random chats or supportive counseling. If you don't know what unconditional love is, you would by the time you left there. We enjoyed dinners with volunteers, group once a week in the evening, community dinners, beautiful holidays and the Director always had a solution for every problem. I wish every hurting woman had the opportunity to live there and will be forever grateful that I was one of them.

✂️ CLIP & SAVE ✂️ Wish List...

Below are some items that HHM is in need of throughout our outreaches. If you are able to donate any of these items, please call the Development Dept. at (631) 473-8796. As always, thank you for your generosity and support!

DROP OFF AT COUNSELING CENTER

**1 HIGH STREET, PORT JEFFERSON
(631) 928-2377:**

- ☐ Paper Towels
- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Facial Tissues
- ☐ Copy Paper - 8 1/2" x 11"
- ☐ Garbage Bags (13 gal.)
- ☐ Liquid Hand Soap
- ☐ Men's Deodorant
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Shaving Cream
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Toothbrushes
- ☐ Disposable Razors
- ☐ Light Bulbs

DROP OFF AT PAX CHRISTI HOSPITALITY CENTER

**255 OAKLAND AVE
PORT JEFFERSON STATION
(631) 928-9108**

- ☐ Men's Clothing
- ☐ Men's Socks
- ☐ Men's Underwear
- ☐ Deodorant – (Men's & Women's)
- ☐ Bath Towels
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Shaving Cream
- ☐ Disposable Razors
- ☐ Toothbrushes
- ☐ Trial Size Toothpaste
- ☐ Trial Size Shampoo
- ☐ Twin Sheets & Pillow Cases
- ☐ Twin Blankets

Please note:

Men's clothing donations are temporarily suspended at the Friary.

Please call Hope Springs Eternal Second Chance Boutique at (631) 509-1101 to donate men's, women's or children's clothing.

Or call Pax Christi Hospitality Center at (631) 928-9108 to donate men's clothing.

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS



7th Annual Mark Riedel Memorial Fishing Fest Raises \$31,400!

After Mark lost his battle with addiction in 2013 at the age of 27, his family and friends have chosen to memorialize his life with an annual fundraiser to benefit Hope House Ministries. Mark's passion was fishing, so there is no better way to celebrate his life than to be on the water catching fish. However, with the Covid-19 virus restrictions on gatherings, this year's in-person event was scaled down greatly, but Mark's loved ones continued their support by raising over \$31,400! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generosity of all who participated and to those who donated.

4th Annual 5K Run/Walk to End Addiction Raises over \$7,000!

The 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk to End Addiction was originally scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Patchogue's Shore Front Park. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it was rescheduled for Sunday, August 2nd. Unfortunately, the pandemic resulted in the eventual cancellation of the in-person event. The majority of those who had already made a donation or had signed up to be an event sponsor very graciously allowed their contribution to stand resulting in a donation of over \$7,000 to Hope House Ministries. We extend our sincere gratitude to all, with special kudos to Joe Folks who has coordinated this important fundraiser since its inception.

War on Addiction Rally In Loving Memory of Billy Reitzig



Thank you for supporting the 2020 WAR ON ADDICTION event in loving memory of Billy Reitzig. The goal of the Reitzig family organization (www.waronaddictionrally.com) is to educate, provide support resources, inspire hope, change and compassion, and to raise money for Hope House Ministries to help save

lives. Sadly, we had to cancel the in-person rally due to the Covid-19 virus, but through an email outreach, our friends and family generously donated over \$9,600 this year! We are so touched by these acts of kindness and generosity.

~The Reitzig Family

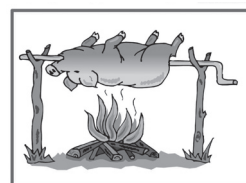
St. Joseph's College Helps Hope House Ministries

St. Joseph's College of Patchogue is a long-time supporter of Hope House Ministries as well as other community projects. Currently the SJC family is reaching out to the SJC community to assist in raising funds for Hope House Ministries to help graduate students with their college tuition and fees. For more information and/or to participate in this fundraising endeavor, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/SJCandHopeHouse>. We are grateful to SJC for their continued support!

Texas Roadhouse of Selden's Friends & Family Night Celebration

Saturday, August 29th, was a grand day for Texas Roadhouse's new Selden restaurant located at 289 Middle Country Road. To celebrate their grand opening, they offered a Friends and Family Night to welcome the community. Showing their concern for Long Island residents, the staff graciously incorporated a fundraising opportunity to their guests, offering literature about Hope House Ministries and providing donation envelopes in support of the Ministry. The combined efforts of the restaurant's staff and guests culminated in a donation of \$1,000 to HHM! We welcome Texas Roadhouse to the area and wish them great success in their new endeavor.

3rd Annual Pig Roast Brings in the Bacon!



La Buena Vida Land & Sea in Moriches graciously hosted the 3rd Annual

Pig Roast to benefit Hope House Ministries. The previous two events were held at the Portside Bar & Grill in Port Jefferson. Tom Freck, owner of both venues, hosted this successful fundraiser on Saturday, September 19th. A great time was had by everyone. We are grateful to all who participated, the hosts and guests, for their kindness and generosity in raising \$2,775! Special kudos to Joel Posner, who has helped organize this feast for the past three years. We are already looking forward to next year's event!



6th Annual Walk for Recovery raises over \$1,300

For the past six years, Samantha Palazzolo has graciously coordinated the Annual Walk for Recovery. In the past, Samantha and her family and friends would gather for a walk at Jones Beach to raise funds to assist those in recovery at Hope House Ministries. With the Covid-19 restrictions in place, the traditional walk was cancelled, but many still went the extra mile and continued their dedicated support contributing collectively over \$1,300! We are truly grateful to all who gave to benefit the residential and counseling programs of HHM that are assisting those working on their recovery from addiction.

*Thank
you*

Prayer for the Addicted

God of Love and Mercy, ease my burdens, calm my anxieties, strengthen my faith, and increase my trust and confidence in Your caring goodness.

Bless me each day with Your healing grace, with health in mind and body, and a heart filled with hope and peace.

Grant me the courage I need, dear Lord, to face all difficulties, knowing that with Your help, miracles happen and lives are restored. ~ Amen

(from Companion Prayers – A Guide to Prayer from the Companions of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, MD)



HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL SECOND CHANCE BOUTIQUE!

In 2013, Fr. Frank approached long time HHM supporters Barbara and Artie Morin with an idea. What if a retail space could generate needed funds for Little Portion Friary, home of 65 young men in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction? Its proceeds could pay for their college classes, food, utilities and transportation costs.

In August of 2019, Barbara and Artie, with help from above, found the perfect location for their store at 19 Chereb Lane, Port Jefferson Station, right next to the Port Jeff Bowl. They began collecting donations and held a yard sale to acquire “seed money” for the many renovations needed for the store including cleaning, painting, carpentry, plumbing and electric. All of the labor was accomplished with the talents of the young men at Little Portion Friary.

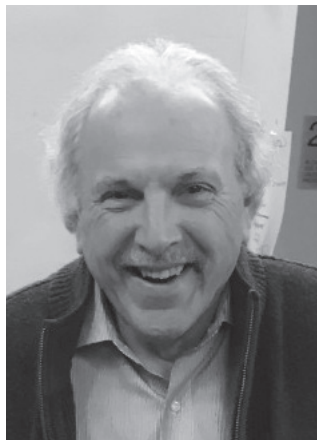
Because Hope House Ministries is all about second chances, we named the store HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL SECOND CHANCE BOUTIQUE.

Our hope is to be able to raise \$150,000 annually to support the agency and those in recovery. We only accept new or very gently used items at the store. And everything is cleaned and prepared for sale by a team of dedicated volunteers. Our Facebook page highlights our most recent items and Facebook Marketplace has become a great way for customers to connect with our store and mission.

God bless the work of Fr. Frank and his staff at Hope House Ministries! And God bless the young men at the Little Portion Friary residential care facility for their courage to change!

Please stop by the store or visit us online. You won't believe how many wonderful items we offer. Lots of collectibles, antiques and rare items of the highest quality will keep you coming back. We also have many brand new items which will make great Christmas holiday gifts! Questions, please call the Boutique at (631) 509-1101.

See you soon,
The Hope Springs Eternal 2nd Chance Boutique Team!



“Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans.”

I've got both good news and bad news to share.

The good news is so many of you responded generously to our 40th Anniversary Initiative. We announced our plan to raise \$2 million dollars last spring in order to create a sustainability

fund, an operational reserve and a mortgage payoff. To date, we have raised \$1,328,883 toward that end. This is truly wonderful news!

Things got started when an anonymous donor from the Port Jeff community made a lead gift of \$250,000 toward our match. This was followed by 34 individuals and businesses who pledged \$25,000 or more resulting in \$845,000. In addition, there have been countless individuals who have made gifts at the \$10, \$25, \$40, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 levels. The response has been overwhelming! With 6 months remaining to reach our goal, we are trusting in Divine Providence to help us cross the finish line.

And now the bad news. We all know the entire world shut down last March. The impact has been hard to describe. In a normal year for Hope House, our events raise roughly \$1.1 million dollars in revenue. Little did we know that the funds we are now raising would become so critical to our survival during the shutdown. As you know, all of our events were either cancelled, postponed or modified.

At this point we can honestly say, that if it weren't for your generosity we would be closing programs right now. Which is why words simply fail to capture our debt to each and every one of you. From all of us, a mighty thank you!

As we prepare for 2021, our budget forecasts warn of significant revenue shortfalls. Not only are we charged with finding new ways to raise dollars in lieu of events, but every year we raise additional dollars on top of event revenue to cover program costs.

In short, we are prepared to close or dramatically scale back some of our programs in light of the Covid-19 shutdown. The Board of Directors are looking very carefully at what our new configuration may look like.

Thankfully we have a CEO and Founder who believes in the power of Hope. He is committed to serving as many people in need as we are capable. You would be amazed to learn how many people continue to reach out for assistance, now more than ever, and still receive professional services from our dedicated staff in spite of the challenges.

Major Gift Challenge:

The HHM Board of Directors continues to seek individuals and/or business entities to join them in making lead gifts of \$25,000. One-time lead gifts of \$25,000, five-year pledges of \$5,000, or an amount that makes sense to you will move us all the more closer to our goal.

\$40.00 for 40 Years Challenge:

Many of you continue to send in donations of \$40. So far this effort has resulted in nearly \$59,000. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

\$40,000 GoFundMe Challenge

Our online community has raised \$17,168 toward our GoFundMe goal of \$40,000. With the introduction of our newly renovated website, we hope to reach a wider audience and reach this goal by the end of the year.

Speaking of our new website, I would like to ask each and every one of you to invite a friend to visit us online at www.hhm.org. There may be that person you know who is looking for something meaningful to do during the shutdown. Absolutely everyone is welcome to become a part of our incredible network of support.

Finally, in the months to come, we will be sending out quarterly invites to those in the community to join us in a HOPE CONNECTS Zoom event. We can all use a dose of hope these days! What better way to stay connected and reach out to others you may know who want to make a difference?

To say we need everyone to contribute this fall is an understatement. But with your help we can weather these surreal storms and emerge stronger than ever.

My sincere thanks,

Charlie Russo, Board Chair

Representatives from Hope House Ministries are here to assist you in structuring a gift that makes sense for you. Gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, qualified charitable distributions (i.e. IRAs) or estate planning may also be applied to this effort.

Please call Keith Deisner in Development to discuss options at 631-474-4851 or via email at hbmkeith@optonline.net.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

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Online Virtual Gala & Online Auction

\$75 per person

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Stories of Restoration

Carols with the H.I.M.S. & HER

Online Auction

Car Raffle

50/50 Raffle

Please join our Virtual Gala & Online Auction

by calling (631) 473-8796 or by

registering online for tickets at

www.hhm.org

For a sneak peak of items and early bidding visit

<https://events.philanthropyrefined.com/e/HopeHouseMinistries>

**The Celebration of Hope online auction will feature
a spectacular array of gifts, celebrity and sports
memorabilia and one-of-a-kind hand-made items.**

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsors will receive bonus tickets to the Virtual Gala, as well as special recognition on the December 14th event page.

\$25K SPONSORSHIP

\$25,000 1 year residency at Little Portion Friary for one person in recovery.

\$15K SPONSORSHIP

\$15,000 Medical expenses for 62 men of the Friary for 1 year.

\$15,000 Automobile repairs for 13 agency vehicles for 1 year.

\$10K SPONSORSHIP

\$10,000 Professional counseling for 15 clients for 6 months.

\$10,000 1 year residency at Siena House (domestic violence recovery program).

\$5K SPONSORSHIP

\$5,000 One week of groceries for 62 men in recovery.

\$5,000 Electric, gas and water for the women of Siena House for 1 year.

\$3K SPONSORSHIP

\$3,000 College tuition and books for 1 student per semester.

\$3,000 Covers costs for 1 family and children counselor for 1 month.

\$2,500 SPONSORSHIP

\$2,500 Renovations and repairs for facilities for 1 month.

\$2,500 Automobile fuel bill for 13 agency vehicles for 1 month.

\$1K SPONSORSHIP

\$1,000 Milk and dairy products for 62 men for 1 month.

\$1,000 Paper goods for Hope Academy at Little Portion Friary for 1 month.

\$500 SPONSORSHIP

\$500 Phone and internet expenses at Hope Academy for 1 month.

**Please call the Development Department at
(631) 473-8796 for more information.**

HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES: THE LIVING TRIBUTE PROGRAM

Enclosed is my gift of: ☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \$_____

☐ Memorial (Name of Deceased) _____

☐ Wedding ☐ Holiday ☐ Thank You

☐ Anniversary ☐ Get well ☐ Graduation

☐ Birthday ☐ To Honor Parents/Others ☐ Other _____

Name for above donation _____

NOTE: Your thoughtful remembrance will be acknowledged. A tribute card will be sent to the person or family you designate. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed.

Your Name _____

Your Address/Town _____

NAME OF PERSON OR FAMILY TO SEND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR THE ABOVE DONATION

Name _____

Address/Town _____

☐ Send more envelopes

Mail to: Hope House Ministries, PO Box 358, Port Jefferson, NY 11777-0358

HHM: the Living Tribute Program

Through the years an increasing number of families have found satisfaction in honoring loved ones by donations made to Hope House Ministries.

The memory of a loved one will live through the thoughtful gift donated by a friend, relative or associate. This gift will assist us in our mission to provide compassionate and competent care for the poor, the marginal and wounded among us.

Please make your check payable to Hope House Ministries or you may submit your donation online at www.hhm.org. or by calling the Development Department at (631) 473-8796. All gifts are tax deductible.

Mark your Calendars!

December 2020

**Celebration of Hope –
Annual Holiday Party
at Christmas & the
Holiday Season**

**Monday, December 14
7:00 p.m.**

**Online Virtual Gala/
Online Auction**

Contact: Theresa Zeis
(631) 473-8796

March 2021

**19th Annual
Endowment Fund Event**

**Thursday, March 18
6:30–9:30 p.m.**

Held at Villa Lombardi's,
Holbrook, NY

Contact: Theresa Zeis
(631) 473-8796

April 2021

**Beta Sigma Phi Fashion Show
Dinner/Auction Fundraiser**

Thursday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Held at Villa Lombardi's
Holbrook, NY

Contact: Peg (631) 928-2628 or
Barbara (631) 698-0140

**Hope House Ministries
41st Anniversary
Celebration & Volunteer
Appreciation Reception**

**Wednesday, April 22
7:30 p.m.**

Details to be determined
Contact: Development Dept.
(631) 473-8796

May 2021

**30th Annual
Charles R. Rampone Sr.
Memorial Golf Classic**

Monday, May 10

Held at Port Jefferson Country
Club/The Waterview at PJCC
Port Jefferson, NY

Contact: Theresa Zeis
(631) 473-8796

**5th Annual 5K Run/Walk &
Fun Run to End Addiction**

**Saturday, May 15
9:00 a.m.**

Held at Patchogue Shore Front Park
Contact: Joe Folks
(631) 949-2442

December 2021

**Andy Cooney's
Christmas Celebration**

**Monday, December 13
8:00 p.m.**

Held at Carnegie Hall,
New York, NY

Tickets –

Contact: CarnegieCharge
(212) 247-7800

For Group or Bus info –

Contact: Mill Pond Music
(516) 798-3014

Box Seat Sponsorships –

Contact: Janet Brennan
(631) 928-2377 ext. 22

SELF-HELP MEETINGS

Due to the current restrictions in place regarding large groups and social gatherings...

Listed below is the website for information regarding AA groups and support networks in order to help you through these challenging times.

We sincerely hope you find this resource helpful. Be safe and healthy.

**For the AA Inter Group Directory,
please visit <https://aa-intergroup.org>**



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